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Docket No.: 1313/1F022-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Roger Bruce HARDING et al.

Serial No.: 09/557,804

Art Unit: 1623

Filed: April 25, 2000

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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LETTER AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto  
is a Declaration of Roger Bruce Harding. In accordance with M.P.E.P. §§609 and  
707.05(b), it is requested that the Declaration of Roger Bruce Harding be given  
thorough consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner  
acknowledge that he or she has considered this Declaration in the first Office

Action on the merits of this application. Such acknowledgment is requested even if the Examiner does not consider this Declaration to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

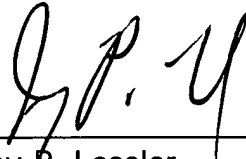
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, but the citation of the Declaration (including the statements therein) is not to be construed as an admission that it is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited Declaration or the statements therein represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance the attached Declaration.

This submission is filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in this application. Therefore, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above deposit account for any deficiency.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 16, 2001

  
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